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WASTE IN OFFICE HIT

House Committee Roasts Department of Public Works for Laxity and Incompetency

"Owing to gross carelessness on the part of the head of the public works department," as it sets forth in its report, the finance committee of the house this morning recommended the passage of Senator Chillingworth's S. B. 77, which provides for the reimbursement of laborers and materialmen who furnished labor and building material for the construction of the new Boys' Industrial School at Waialeale, Oahu.

The committee's report is a scathing criticism of the public works department, explaining that the superintendent failed to abide by the law in the case of Contractor Angus P. McDonald, who was paid nearly all the money appropriated for the new school building and who then hastened away, leaving a considerable number of unpaid bills.

The report, given in full below, was adopted, and the bill for the reimbursement of the laborers and materialmen who were left "holding the sack" when McDonald vanished, is scheduled for final reading in the house tomorrow morning. Having passed the upper house, it will go direct to the governor after leaving the house tomorrow.

The finance committee's report is as follows:

"It would seem from your committee's investigation that the public works department approved of the final payment to the contractor without first being fully advised whether or not the contractor had paid the outstanding bills on the job, although the contract clearly states that:

"The contractor agrees that he will furnish satisfactory evidence that all persons, firms or corporations who have done work or supplied material under this agreement have been paid or satisfactorily secured before the superintendent of public works shall make final payment to the contractor. "In case such evidence is not furnished, such amount as may be necessary to meet the claims of said persons, firms or corporations may be retained from the moneys due said contractor under this contract until the liabilities shall be fully discharged or notice of such liabilities withdrawn."

"It would seem to your committee, that the public works department was exceedingly lax in handling this matter, since from testimony given before your committee it appears that the chief clerk of the department advised his superiors that there were outstanding claims against the contractor on account of materials furnished for the building, and even in the face of such information the head of the department certified a voucher for the final payment.

"Your committee believes that since no materialmen's lien can be filed against a territorial building that it is proper for the territory to make good, what to us appears, a wrong done certain claimants owing to gross carelessness on the part of the head of the public works department, and we therefore recommend the passage of the bill."

SENATOR MAKEKAU HAS FUN WITH A "JOKER" WATER BILL

What has been branded as a "joker" had its head snapped off in the senate this morning, and though Senator Makekau smiled it wasn't the smile of victory, but something of the converse.

The scheme for Honokaa to get a waterworks was nicely worked out, and it probably would have passed in the senate had not Senators Rice and Wirtz, and a dozen or so others, noticed the bug, whereupon Senator Makekau asked that the bill be re-referred to his select Hawaii committee.

The plan, which he freely admitted afterwards, was that a new bill to establish a water works system should be introduced by the committee. The first bill was objected to because it asked that the territory pay the costs of the works, but in the second measure, it was provided that the money should be advanced by way of a loan to Honokaa, and that the government should be paid back.

So far everything was all right. But Senator Makekau recommended that the original one be tabled, but according to his report they overlapped and both should be passed. It was here the "joker" was found.

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CLEMONS IN OPEN LETTER URGES AINAHAU

Federal Judges Strong in Favor of Acceptance of Cleghorn Gift—Arguments of Opposition Are Answered Emphatically

Federal Judge Charles F. Clemons has written the following open letter to the house of representatives. Both Judge Clemons and Judge Dole declare themselves strongly for the acceptance of Ainaahu:

AINAHAU: THE CLEGHORN GIFT
An Open Letter to the Members of the House of Representatives.

Anyone who has attempted to answer the speech of Judge Humphreys at the public hearing on senate bill No. 37 (accepting the Cleghorn gift of Ainaahu), after the admirable and stirring speech of Mr. Thurston, would have run the risk of comparison on every point which makes up perfect oratory. But on one phase Judge Humphreys' argument was barely touched, and that phase I conceive to be of such importance that I venture a reply. I burned, as others must have, to reply then and there, but the matter was so delicate, involving personalities, the interests of particular living individuals as against the best ultimate good of all others, both living and yet to be, that I doubted my ability to handle it with tact and consideration. The "fool" would have declared himself by then "stepping in" after those "angels" of eloquence had spoken. But the particular point was made by Judge Humphreys, and also by Allan Herbert, and emphasized by them in their own peculiar, effective way, and calls for an answer despite the feelings of anybody interested.

If their argument means anything, it means just this—though the proponents would never have put it so: The legislature should not countenance such a gift when it deprives "the natural objects of the testator's bounty" (oratorical and law court "flub-dub" by the way) of what they would otherwise receive. The legislature should lend its aid to providing for the living rather than honoring the memory of the dead.

Very well. But who are the natural objects of the testator's bounty? Are we to say that because Mr. Cleghorn did not give his last cent to the "fifteen grandchildren" and to the closer heirs, who were dragged into the controversy (though presently shut out by the graceful and forceful tact of the presiding officer, Doctor Huddy), but chose to give some of it, a good share of it, to unnamed and uncertain hundreds and probably thousands who would directly enjoy Ainaahu and get inspiration, good health, and even good morals (so great is the power of beautiful nature), and who would indirectly benefit from the employment given to probably more than "fifteen grandchildren" of somebody, that therefore he is to be thus reprovved for making his will as he did, or that the legislature is to be criticized in advance for accepting this gift, as I believe they will see the wisdom and the fairness and justice of doing.

If Mr. Cleghorn had left \$50,000 who were in need, or likely to be, and had not parents to provide for them, and if he had not done something for them (How much, will be pointed out below), then there might be some call for an argument such as is advanced against this bill. But such is not the case, or if it is the case, no one has been heard to say so.

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Noted Aviator Now In Hawaii Will Dare Atlantic For \$50,000 Prize

Capt. James Martin's Plan For International Contest Now Materializes In Offer by London Daily Mail

Capt. James V. Martin, noted aviator and builder of aeroplanes and now in the employ of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, will leave Honolulu in a few days to prepare for a flight across the Atlantic ocean for a prize of fifty thousand dollars. By the time that Capt. Martin reaches Europe even this huge prize may have been doubled.

The attempt to cross the Atlantic in an aeroplane is the realization of a project begun by Capt. Martin himself nearly three years ago. At that time he planned the route, from St. John's, Newfoundland, across the great waste of waters of the Atlantic.

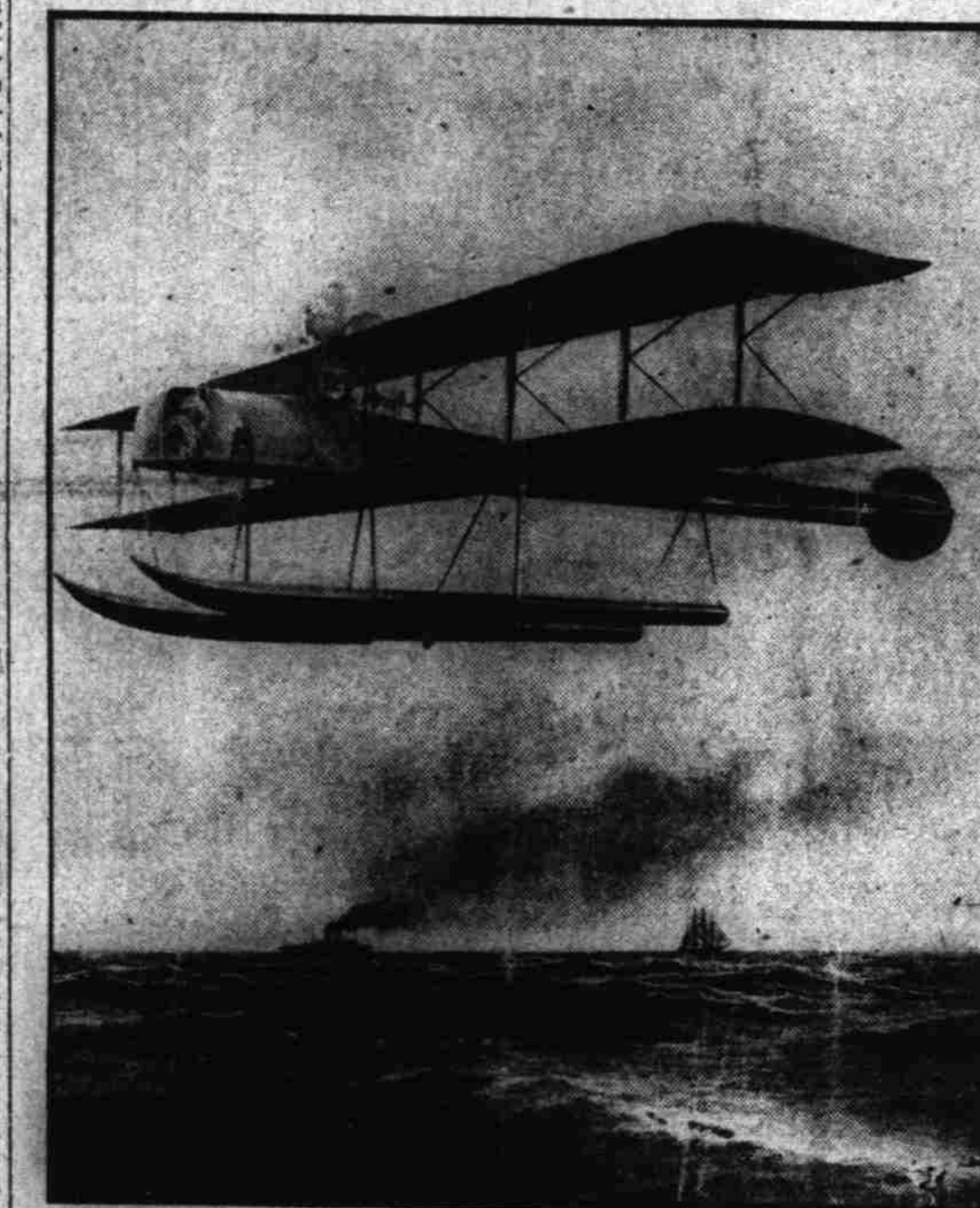
He made a special trip to England and argued with the leaders of the Royal Aero Club for two weeks to convince them of the desirability of putting up a prize of sufficient size to induce competent airmen to undertake the difficult and dangerous feat.

At that time Lord Northcliffe, the noted publisher and promoter of am-

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Capt. James V. Martin, shown here in the first aeroplane to reach 10,000 feet altitude.



Trans-Atlantic Martin type hydroaeroplane, or tractor biplane. It is in this type of machine that Capt. Martin will try to fly from St. John's, Newfoundland, to the coast of Ireland.

SUNDAY SHOWS AT SCHOFIELD ARE DECLARED AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY

W. R. Castle and H. B. Restaruk Voice Striking Opinions on Law Observance

Two striking contributions are made today to the discussion of Sunday theatrical shows at Schofield Barracks. A glowing the bringing-up of this question by the civic federation, which raised the point of the violation of law by the operation of theaters on Sunday, the arguments for and against Sunday shows on the federal reservation have become general.

W. R. Castle and Bishop H. B. Restaruk of the Episcopal Church today sent the following communications to the Star-Bulletin:

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Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

SIR:—I appear to be something new all the time for the public to consider in Honolulu. If it is not one thing then it is another. Of course the law absorbing thing is the threatened injury to the great industry of the country, but there are a good many other questions that are not only interesting but important.

Several communications have appeared with regard to vaudeville performances at Schofield Barracks on Sunday evenings. It seems to me that the main question has not been touched, which I will refer to below; meantime the rights of the vaudeville performers themselves to a day of quiet and rest or recreation must be considered. There are some lines of business which require Sunday labor.

These, however, are those which supply the public with certain necessary things, such as the delivery of milk, bread, meat, public transportation and

things of that kind; but a vaudeville performance or any other like performance is not in this line, and therefore the agents of these concerns have no right to insist on the performers acting on Sunday. Perhaps this is a lesser ground, but even Sunday performances, in view of existing facts, appear to be unnecessary. I am informed that there is no difficulty in getting theatrical performances by professionals at Schofield Barracks any evening in the week, and that in fact such performances do take place. I may be wrong about this, but certainly this is stated to be the fact on the street.

Finally, no one seems to have considered the very grave and important point that the United States maintains at large expense an army and navy for the maintenance and enforcement of law; and the law of the Territory of Hawaii, like that of most of the states in the Union, prohibits performances of the kind that appear to be desired on Sundays. Is it not a very strange and demoralizing example for the army and navy or either of them to deliberately violate the law

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WAIKIKI INN FRIDAY EVENING

A dance will be given to the guests of this hotel Thursday evening, to which town-folks and visitors are cordially invited.—advertisement.

MERCHANTS IN FAVOR OF NEW ELECTRIC BILL

By Vote of Sixteen to Four, Association Indorsed Theo. Hoffman Grant

By a vote of 16 to 4 the Merchants' Association this morning endorsed the bill to grant to Theodore Hoffman a franchise for electric light and power in the city and county of Honolulu. At least these figures reversed were the count whereby a motion against the proposed franchise was defeated, after which a motion to endorse the bill was declared carried without a formal count of the show of hands.

This action was taken at a special meeting called by the directors to consider the bill. President Swain announced the purpose on calling the meeting to order, stating that the directors did not feel like passing upon the measure without reference to the association.

The first thing done was to refuse a hearing to Wm. Gitt on the question, a letter from him asking for the privilege having been read, in which he engaged to use nothing but courteous language. Mr. Brasch said that, inasmuch as Mr. Gitt was not a member of the association and as his advertisements showed he "had an axe to grind," he should not be heard, and moved accordingly. With an amendment suggested by W. H. McInerney to confine the refusal to that particular occasion the motion carried.

Mr. McInerney opened the discussion by asking what interest the association had in the matter anyway. Grant as many franchises as you want," he went on to say. "It seems to me that to oppose this franchise is like throwing business away. I should like somebody to show where there is any detriment to the city from the granting of this particular franchise."

Ed. Towse, to bring the matter up regularly, moved that the association go on record as opposed the granting of a second franchise for the generation of electric light and power. Mr. M. Johnson seconded the motion.

R. J. Dugally said the motion should be voted down almost unanimously, adding that five or six years ago he brought before the association the matter of inequalities of charges by the Hawaiian Electric Company. Proceeding he gave instances to prove that the more current a consumer used the bigger pro rata charges he had to pay.

John Effinger asked if the directors

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'RED-LIGHT' BILL TO BE ENDORSED BY MEN'S LEAGUE

The Men's League of Central Union church is taking an active interest in the passage of Senator Baker's so-called "red-light" bill, the purpose of which is to prosecute those who are the owners of houses or resorts maintained for illicit purposes, and at a meeting of the members of the league which is to be held during the early part of next week the matter will be taken up for discussion and several persons will speak in favor of the passage of the bill.

The executive committee of the league met last Monday afternoon, at which time the question of the league backing the bill was first brought up. It was decided then that the league do all in its power to secure the passage of the bill. A member of the committee, when asked this morning concerning the prevailing attitude toward the bill by the league, said:

"The modern scientific method of handling this problem is exactly the same as the method dealing with murder, theft or similar crimes. Make it a crime and prosecute it. The old idea of the restricted district is no longer held by those who are well informed on the matter. Opinions favorable to a resort destined for prostitution are held by two classes of people: first, those who are not in touch with the findings of recent thorough investigations, or who, if familiar with these findings, are not willing to open their minds to entertain a new idea. Some of them mean well in fact most of them do, but in arguing in favor of a resort for prostitution they are arguing in the face of the established facts of the day, and against the best opinions of those who have investigated the subject thoroughly.

"Such opinions are held in the second place by persons directly interested in the illicit traffic. The chief of police who profits by the traffic; the owners of the resorts who get the rents; the hack drivers who serve the procurers; the policeman who gets his rake-off for being blind, and lastly the politician who feeds his family and buys stocks and bonds from his share of the swag. You will find all these classes in favor of the restricted district; and beyond these you will find none. The uninformed and obstinate on the one hand, and the grafters on the other are all in favor of the restricted district."

POPE PIUS IN SUDDEN RELAPSE

Aged Pontiff Overexerts Himself and Grows Worse—Lawyer Summoned to Bedside

(Associated Press Cable)
ROME, Italy, April 16.—Pope Pius had a sudden relapse last night, following his insistence on exerting himself. Although warned by his physicians that he must keep absolutely quiet, the Pope tried to look after some matters needing his attention and the strain proved too much for him.

Although he has no fever, he is much weaker and his cough, growing worse, at times strangles him. The lawyer who drew the will of the late Pope Leo XIII has been called to the bedside.

FEDERAL ALIEN LAND BILL CITED

(Associated Press Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Emphasis is laid by the state department on the fact that the proposed California alien land law closely follows in its provisions the federal alien ownership act which was unopposed ten years ago.

It is believed that under the circumstances Japan will find it difficult to object to the passage of the California bill.

UNDERWOOD BACK TO FIGHT SUGAR

(Associated Press Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—With the resumption of Democratic leadership by Representative Oscar Underwood, the ways and means committee of the house is expected to force its tariff program forward.

(Associated Press Cable)
BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 16.—The industrial strike is spreading rapidly and already there are reports of occasional violence. The Socialists claim that there are now 400,000 out on strike. The government admits that 257,000 have struck. The railways, gas and electric plants are badly crippled.

HOLSTEIN FAVORS AINAHAU GIFT

Though there are threats of further opposition to the laukea bill, proposing to accept the Cleghorn gift of Ainaahu, the public hearing yesterday afternoon won a number of influential house members to the ranks of its adherents. The most powerful, probably, of all these is Speaker Holstein, who announced today that he is now thoroughly convinced the gift should be accepted, and that he will lend all his aid to the passage of the bill.

One of the features of the hearing that bore great weight with him was announced willingness of the Honolulu supervisors to take charge and assume the responsibility for the proposed Kalaniana'oli park. It was because the supervisors two years ago took no interest or appeared even adverse to the proposition, that he voted against Ainaahu. If Honolulu will take full charge of the property he says he can see no reason why it should not be given the privilege.

In addition, the speaker now intends having a bill introduced conveying the entire control of all other public parks in Honolulu, now handled by the territorial government, to the city and county. This bill is to make its appearance in the next day or two.

"One feature of this proposition that has just been brought to my attention," said Holstein this morning, "is that in refusing Ainaahu we are tacitly approving the argument that estates should go to heirs and opposing bequests to the public by wealthy men and women who are philanthropically inclined."

"In doing this we might check the public works of such people as the Cooke Estate, the Baldwins, the Athertons, Wilcox and others, who already have given fortunes to welfare projects and may later desire to give others."

When white horses were common, there were more red-headed girls also. King Alfonso has contributed \$1,000 to the Boy Scouts.